

Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, January 17, 1843, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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Hermitage, January 17, 1843.

My dear Mr. Blair, I have recd. your letter of the 7th and two days after the correspondence, between Mr. Kendall and yourself, therein referred to, and I join heartily with you that there it may end. There is nothing, so far as I see in the correspondence, that you have to regret, only that Mr. Kendall ever listened to the idle gossip of evil person, that you had spoken evil of him, and I am sure Mr. Kendall must forever regret that he listened to them, and did not forthwith make it known to you as an old and faithful friend. Let it die, and rest in oblivion . I had supposed that your friendship for Mr. Kendall, and his for you, were such that could not be shaken by busy bodies, enemies to you both. You from the exhibit of Mr. Rives have done much for Mr. Kendall, and for which from the statement before me he ought to be grateful. Let it rest, it is fomented by secrete enemies to injure you both, and if possible divide the democracy. Mr. Kendall must forever regret that he lent a listening ear to those tales upon which he charges you with breach of friendship, and I hope he will, on calm reflection thus acknowledge. As to my cabinet, there were only Mr. McLane, that ever objected to your mode of Editing the Globe and upon one occasion perhaps Mr. Livingston. The first was a Bank man and wished to preserve it, the other wanted to temporise and gain friends in that way. But I had no temporising policy in me and urged you on in your course, it succeeded, and whosoever adopts a temporising policy will fail.